



Wards Creek Elementary 6555 SR 16, St. Augustine, FL 32092 Oct-Nov 2015

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OUR VISION IS TO: Be a school
Where Children Excel by
developing leaders with character
and a passion for lifelong learning.

OUR MISSION IS TO: Engage
Learners to Excel in Life and
Embrace Leadership to Enhance
our Local and global society.

OUR CORE VALUES

We believe that:

- The Character Counts Pillars of Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship are essential qualities to model and instill in our students.
- The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People are the foundation for developing leaders.
- All individuals are valuable and can make meaningful contributions.
- A caring and compassionate learning environment will support the needs of the whole child and inspire all to reach their full potential.
- Leaders are life-long learners.

THE SEVEN HABITS OF HAPPY KIDS

1. Be Proactive – I am in charge!
 2. Begin with the end in mind – Have a plan!
 3. Put first things first – Work first, then play!
 4. Think win/win – There's plenty for all!
 5. Seek first to understand, then to be understood – Listen before you speak!
 6. Synergize – Together is better!
 7. Sharpen the saw – Balance feels best!
- BONUS:
8. Find your voice, and inspire others to find theirs – I'm on a mission!

Jarrell's Journal

Hi Warrior Families,

I hope that the breezes of fall are bringing you excitement and anticipation of the days to come. This is the time of year when we soar through our days. Our students are all familiar with the routines and expectations and our teachers are moving at a steady pace. The first quarter is about to end, which is beyond belief! As we prepare our report cards, we are doing something very different. **Your child's report card will be digital this year, available on Home Access Center.** I will be sending a tip sheet for parents in case you have not set up your HAC account. Report cards will be posted on HAC on Monday, October 26th.

There are some special days right around the corner. Monday, 10/19 is a Teacher Planning Day. There will be no school for students. Thursday, October 22nd is our World Famous Spooktacular and Business Expo. On this evening, we will have many local businesses set up in the café to share their services, teachers will be reading stories in the Orange House, the Book Fair will be open in the Media Center, several Health Care partners will be hosting a Health Expo on the café, and Jump Rope for Heart with Coach Henson will be in the courtyard! This is always a huge event and we look forward to having you join us!

Our 5th annual Leadership Day is Wednesday, 10/28. This day is student led and allows guests to see the great things that are happening at Wards Creek. This year, we are inviting parents who would like to attend. There is a fee and registration is required. I will be sending an email with the registration form attached. You will also find the registration form on our school website. Seats are limited and we may not be able to accommodate everyone. If you are interested, you will need to complete the registration form and return it and the \$20 payment to the front office.

Finally, I'd like to remind our families about our Literacy Parade on Friday, 10/30. Our students and staff will be celebrating reading by selecting a favorite book and dressing as a character from that book. So much fun...

Thank you all for your continued support and partnership. We are grateful for our wonderful students and their amazing families!

Edie Jarrell

PTO Update

Family Fun Carnival had its usual weather problems, but what's a little rain? The students had a great time with a few new games and lots of prizes. Thank you to all our volunteers.

We had an old-fashioned ice cream party for teacher appreciation. Thank you Amy Anderson of Davidson Realty (and also PTO executive board member) for sponsoring all the yummy calories.

October 22nd is a busy night with the book fair, Spooktacular, health fair and business expo. Jen Lusk is lining up teachers in costumes to read stories. We have many businesses setting up for the expo and Nurse Angela is working hard on the health fair.

Final delivery of all tee shirts have been distributed. Fingers crossed that all have the right size and color.

Courtney Madora one of our executive board members will be running a 26.2 Marine Corps Marathon on October 25th in honor of Tom "Bull" Budrejko. He was one of seven Marines killed on February 22, 2012 when two helicopters collided in a training accident near Yuma Arizona. She ran the race in 2012 with a team of about 30 people. There has been a team running in his honor every year since. Go Courtney!

Don't forget to vote on November 3rd!!

Ricke Ricciardelli, PTO President

Counselor's Corner

Did you know that the Wards Creek guidance website (<http://www-wce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>) has many resources available to parents? If you have any questions regarding 504 plans, the RTI/MTSS process or FSA testing there is information available on the website.

Also, please feel free to contact Mrs. Adolf at (904)547-8743 or Leanne.Adolf@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Also, if you or your family are looking for counseling resources, there are several links that provide local counselors and the insurance accepted. There is also information available if you are looking at grief counseling.

Finally, if you are a parent of a second grader, students were all screened on October 13, 2015. Parents will be notified no later than November 6th, if they qualify for further assessment through the school psychologist.

Thanks,

Leanne Adolf
Guidance Counselor

A Note from Our ILC: Christa Ritchie

Do you ever think, "I wonder if we can skip our nightly reading?" I am a parent and sometimes I know that life gets so busy. But do you know what is the most important investment in your child's educational career? It is Reading. Richard Allington states, "The only theory in education that makes children better readers is **READING.**"



Why Your Child Should Read 15 Minutes Every Day

"WHY CAN'T I SKIP MY 15 MINUTES OF READING TONIGHT?"

LET'S FIGURE IT OUT...MATHEMATICALLY!

Student A	Student B
Student A reads 15 minutes 4 nights of every week;	Student B reads only 5 minutes 4 nights...or not at all.
Step 1: Multiply minutes a night x 4 times each WEEK.	
Student A reads 15 minutes x 4 times a week = 60 minutes/WEEK.	Student B reads 5 minutes x 4 times a week = 20 minutes/WEEK.
Step 2: Multiply minutes a week x 4 weeks each MONTH.	
Student A reads 240 minutes a MONTH.	Student B reads 80 minutes a MONTH.
Step 3: Multiply minutes a month x 9 months/SCHOOL YEAR.	
Student A reads 2160 minutes in a SCHOOL YEAR.	Student B reads 720 minutes in a SCHOOL YEAR.
So what does this mean???	
Student A practices reading the equivalent of 6 whole school days a year.	Student B gets the equivalent of only 2 school days of reading practice.
By the end of 6th grade if Student A and Student B maintain these same reading habits, then...	
Student A will have read the equivalent of 36 whole school days.	Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days.

WHY READ 30 MINUTES A DAY?

*If **daily** reading begins in infancy, by the time the child is 5 years old, he or she has been fed roughly **900 hours** of brain food!

*Reduce that experience to just 30 minutes a week, and the child's hungry mind loses 770 hours of nursery rhymes, fairy tales, stories, and vocabulary development.

*A kindergarten student who has not been read aloud to could enter school with less than 60 hours of literacy nutrition.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, America Reads Challenge. (1999) "Start Early, Finish Strong: How to Help Every Child Become a Reader." Washington, D.C.

Health Fair

Please join Nurse Kalem in the cafeteria Thursday night,
October 22nd from 6:00-7:30pm
for Wards Creek Elementary's Health Fair.

This is occurring during Spooktacular and the Business Expo.
Some of the representatives that will be present will include:

FL♥rida KidCare

Wolfson Children's Hospital 

 **FARE**
Food Allergy Research & Education

yoga 

 **FRESH HEADS[®]**
Head Lice Treatment Center

 **YOUNG LIVING**
ESSENTIAL OILS
Independent Distributor

 Come find
WELLNESS
in our fields

SAFE
KIDS
NORTHEAST
FLORIDA

Extended Day 2015/16:

Registration for Extended Day 2015/16 school year began on August 3rd. You can come by the school from 8:00-4:00 and register your child. The registration fee is \$75.00 per child. The first month's payment will be due at time of registration. See the below schedule of fees for the due date and dates that the payment covers.

Payment #	Due	Payment covers care through-
1	Aug 1st	Aug. 10th - Sept. 2nd
2	Aug. 15th	Sept. 3rd - Sept. 29th
3	Sept. 15th	Sept. 30th - October 26th
4	Oct. 15th	Oct. 27th - Nov. 20th
5	Nov.15th	Nov. 23rd - Dec. 18th
6	Dec. 15th	Jan. 6th - Feb. 1st
7	Jan. 15th	Feb. 2nd - March 1st
8	Feb. 15th	March 2nd - April 5th
9	March 15th	April 6th - May 2nd
10	April 15th	May 3rd - May 26th

If you have any questions, please contact Casie Messenger at (904)547-8730 or casie.messenger@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Would You Like to Volunteer as a Surrogate Parent?

What is a surrogate parent?

“...an individual appointed to act in the place of a parent in educational decision-making and in safeguarding a child’s rights under the [federal] Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and [state law].” § 39.0016(1)(c), Fla. Stat.



Who needs a surrogate parent?

A student with a disability or a student who is suspected of having a disability, needs a surrogate parent when the natural parent or guardian is unknown, or the whereabouts of the natural parent or guardian cannot be determined, or the child is a ward of the state or ward of the court under the laws of the State of Florida.

St. Johns County School District is searching for surrogate parents

If you are interested in learning more about the significant role a surrogate parent plays in the lives of our students, then please join us:

When: Friday, October 30th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: The School Board Office, 40 Orange Street, St Augustine, FL 32084

To Register: call the SJCS Office of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) at 904-547-7712



Report cards will be released on Monday, October 26th.
To view your child’s report card you will need to access
Home Access Center (HAC).

Click the link below to create an account or sign in.

If you need assistance please email
Christina.King@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

<http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>

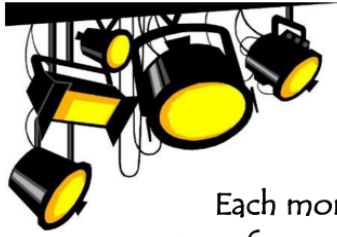
Wards Creek Elementary Home Access Center (HAC) Account Registration Instructions



Accessing Home Access Center (HAC) for the first time (applies to new users and existing Parent Assistant (PA) users):

1. **If you have a current PA account**, you can use the same Username and Password to login to HAC. Enter your Username and Password at the new HAC website:
<http://parents.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac>
 2. **How to get a Home Access Center account (for new users who do not have a Parent Assistant (PA) account):**
 - a. Parents/Guardians can then register online:
 - i. <http://parents.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac>
 - ii. At the Home Access Center Login screen, click "here" below the statement, "If you do not have a username and password...."
 - iii. At the Home Access Center User Registration:
 1. Enter your First name, Last name, City and Zip Code as it appears in eSchoolPlus
 - a. Standard City spellings include: Saint Augustine, East Palatka, Ponte Vedra, Ponte Vedra Beach, Elkton, Jacksonville, Saint Johns, Hastings and Fruit Cove
 2. Then click the Register button
 3. (next screen) Then create your Username (using your email address)
 4. Then create two challenge questions (something detailed only you would know) (Example: What was your first car?)
 5. Review and accept the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy
 6. Click the Finish button
 - iv. Click the link in your HAC email to create your HAC password
 - v. A webpage will load with your challenge questions. After you answer your challenge questions, you will then be able to create your password, (please use at least eight characters including a number or special character)
 - vi. You can now login to HAC using your new Username and Password
3. **If you have forgotten your Password:**
 - a. On the login screen, click the "forgot my username or password" link
 - b. At the Forgotten Username or Password screen, enter your email address on file
 - c. Then click the "submit" button
 - d. An email will be sent to you with a web link to a HAC challenge question
 - e. After you answer the challenge questions correctly, you will be able to view your Username or reset your password. (You cannot change your Username once set)

If you have trouble creating a HAC user account, please contact Mrs. King at Christina.King@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Safety Leader Spotlight

Each month we feature students who are nominated for outstanding performance. These students arrive to school early, leave late, and have additional jobs around school during the day in addition to their regular duties as a 5th grade students.



Kailey P. was nominated by Mrs. Tatman. Kailey is always doing her job without complaints! She is a real go getter! Thank you Kailey for being so awesome!



Caden W. was nominated by Mrs. Kenyon AND Mrs. Thomas! He is responsible, resourceful, kind, and respectful. He has done a wonderful job helping Bus 156 at the bus loop always ensuring everyone is on safely! Thank you Caden!



Ben M. was nominated by Ms. Fisher. He is an awesome Kindergarten helper always on time for his duty and very respectful to the younger students. Thanks Ben!



Alyssa M. was nominated by Mrs. King. Alyssa is always willing to jump in and help. She is kind to her friends and takes her job very seriously. Thank you Alyssa!



Boo Grams Coming Soon!

Sales Days:

October 5th - October 29th

Get yours at the school store

Grams with a Treat: \$1



Sales support our Safety Leader Program



This November, Safety Leaders will host our annual food drive for needy families. Safety Leaders will collect, sort, and make boxes for each family in need. We will collect food at the morning drop off time from November 16th-20th.

If your family is in need of assistance or you know of a family that may need assistance please contact Mrs. King @ Christina.King@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Donation Item Ideas:

- Stuffing Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Gravy
- Canned Vegetables or Fruit
- Cake Mix or fixings for a pie
- Apple juice or other juice
- Any other treats your family enjoys!

SPONSOR A BOX!

A sponsor box will help feed a family of four to five at a cost of \$40 for the Holidays. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please complete the sponsor donation form below.

Sponsor a Box for a Family in Need!

I would like to partner with the WCE Safety Leaders to help support needy families over the Holidays. Here is my tax-deductible gift.

Please complete this form below and send it to school with your child or to:

Wards Creek Safety Leaders Sponsor A Box!

Attn: Mrs. King
6555 SR 16
Saint Augustine, FL 32092
904-547-8755

My Gift \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

*** Please make checks payable to Wards Creek Elementary ***

Warrior Highlights!

Excellent ESE!

Meet our full time Speech Language Pathologists!

Tammy Cozzens moved here from upstate NY in July. She is married and has 2 boys ages 12 and 7. Before coming to St. Johns she worked in a separate day school with kids ages 16-21 with Autism as well as kids who were intellectually and physically disabled and/or medically fragile. Outside of work, Tammy enjoys cooking and reading. She and her family also like taking Disney cruises which makes living here very convenient!

Katie Schurmann has been a speech pathologist for 10 years and has travelled all over the country for her job. Her favorite states so far have been Missouri, Pennsylvania, and Florida. Katie now live here permanently with her husband and daughter. Outside of school she enjoys running competitively and wakeboarding.



Cool Kindergarten!

In kindergarten this month, we used one of our grade level synergy mornings to beautify our "Kindergarden" space. We gathered supplies, parent volunteers and created an attractive area for all to enjoy. Butterfly plants and fall flowers were our theme as well as our scarecrow garden. If you get a chance to view our Kindergarden, please take a minute to walk to the courtyard where children enter and exit daily for parent pick up. We are so proud of our space and how everyone worked together!

Fabulous First Grade!

Our very own Sophie Edwards will be starring in The Nutcracker this December 20th and 21st. Sophie is a First Grader in Mrs. Keller's class. If you want to come out and support Sophie you can buy tickets through St. Augustine Ballet.

<http://www.saintaugustineballet.com/>

Dec

20

21

December 19, 2015 at 2pm & 7:30pm
December 20, 2015 at 2pm & 7:30pm
The Nutcracker
Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College
14 Granada St.
St. Augustine, FL 32080

Super Second Grade

This year the second graders' community service project will be to honor our local veterans. The students will be writing cards and/or letters to veterans that are in the Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans Home that is located on U.S. 16.

We'll be learning what veterans are and what they have done for our country. Each month a different class will be writing letters to veterans. Ms. Smith's students will be writing to the veterans in October. Then we will work our way around the Purple House so that each class will be writing to the veterans. As there are eight second grade classes, the veterans will be receiving mail from October through May. As letter writing is also a second grade language arts standard the students will be practicing their letter writing skills for an authentic and honorable purpose. It's a Win-Win for the students and for the veterans!

Technology Bytes

By: Dana Smith and Debbie Battaglin

Being the best parent that you can be is your primary focus. Ensuring that your child's future is getting off on the right foot is your "biggest rock." You live in the best school district in the state of Florida. Your children attend a Lighthouse School. You are actively involved in their education. Your children are engaged in a variety of extracurricular activities. They have learned polite social graces under your watchful eye and by your example. You have expertly balanced their life and you are planting the seeds that will flourish in their own collegiate aspirations. You have thought of everything! Or have you?

Did you know that every day, each time that your children engage with a digital device, they are leaving telltale signs in their wake? It is called their **Digital Footprint**. Your child's digital footprint, like yours, follow the individual throughout their entire life. Careers and academic promise have been shattered through careless and negative digital behavior.

Please read click on the links to read the articles below. You will be amazed how a person's digital footprints can trample their dreams...

"One Bad Tweet Can Be Costly to a Student Athlete":

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/sports/high-school/2014/09/11/social-media-student-athletes-twitter/15473399/>

"They Loved Your G.P.A. Then They Saw Your Tweets":

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/10/business/they-loved-your-gpa-then-they-saw-your-tweets.html?_r=0

"Kaplan Test Prep Survey: More College Admissions Officers Checking Applicants' Digital Trails, But Most Students Unconcerned": <http://press.kaptest.com/press-releases/kaplan-test-prep-survey-more-college-admissions-officers-checking-applicants-digital-trails-but-most-students-unconcerned>

Will your child lose a scholarship because of a post they made on his/her own Facebook page or on someone else's page, or because of a Tweet? With every click-to-send and tap-to-post we all weave the tapestry of our publicly displayed character.

A recent study regarding the impact of digital choices stated that **30%** of college admissions offices reference digital footprints in decision making. According to the [Edelman Trust Barometer](#), **65% of internet users see the internet as the most trusted source of information** about people and companies. That being said, a survey done by the Denver Post uncovered that **75% of US adults that had Googled themselves** said their search results were NOT positive ([RepArmor](#)). So what can you do to help your child not to be trampled by their own digital footprints?

BE A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL carefully consider how and what you post and share, how and who you connect with in the digital world ~ **your children are watching!**

Please see the links below that offer expert opinions and sound advice to assist you in protecting your child's digital footprint.

https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#safe=strict&q=protecting+your+childs+digital+footprint

<https://www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting/>

<https://www.fosi.org/events/platform-good-launch/>

<http://wersm.com/your-digital-footprint-online-reputation-breakdown/>

Warrior Highlights!

News from the P.E. Hut

- Jump Rope For Heart Event is October 22nd from 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- Donation envelopes are due October 22nd
- Keep bringing in the *In Memory/In Honor* Hearts to add to our heart wall.

Fantastic Fourth Grade!

In some of our fourth grade classes, students have formed groups and are starting their research into a country of their choice. They will be using textbooks, encyclopedias, atlases, and vetted internet websites to conduct their research. Students are learning how to use outlines to record their information. Individual students will then be writing a research paper on the country using the group's research documentation. At the heart of this project, the fourth grade team is seeking to cultivate students' curiosity around nonfiction topics.

Phenomenal Fifth Grade!

Fifth grade has been working on forming ownership of their learning and in order to do this, Mrs. Brock's and Miss Badger's students have been fully engaged in literature circles during the past couple of weeks. This consists of groups of students actively reading and discussing sets of novels. The students have taken on the roles of "Discussion Director", "Artist", "Connector", "Summarizer", and "Word Wizard". It has been rewarding to see the students synergizing and working as a team to deepen their understanding of the elements of fiction.

Terrific Third Grade

We are very proud of our Third Grade Warriors who were elected by their peers for exhibiting good character.

These are the students for the **August** & the **September** award:

From Mrs. Lawless' Class- **Khaden Mosely (August: All Pillars) & Madeline Boyle (September-Fairness)**

From Mrs. Oswald's Class- **Nathaniel Chung (August: All Pillars) & Anna Armstrong (September: Fairness)**

From Mrs. Allen & Ms. Jacobs' Class- **Sara Jones (August: All Pillars) & Sammy Conte (September: Fairness)**

From Mrs. Jarriel's Class- **Micha Gilvarry (August: All Pillars) & Delaney Beringer (September: Fairness)**

From Mrs. Lareau's Class- **Will Nave (August: All Pillars) & Carly Helmick (September: Fairness)**

From Mrs. Klein's Class - **Brenham Davila (August: All Pillars) & Joey Gillette (September: Fairness)**

From Mrs. Truelove's Class- **Finnegan Liedt (August: All Pillars) & Baylie Samson (September: Fairness)**

From Mrs. Blaylock's Class- **Kaitlyn Hosford (August: All Pillars) & Reese Story (September: Fairness)**

From Mr. Milite's Class- **Avery Gleason (August: All Pillars) & Easton Shaw (September: Fairness)**

Kindergarten Team and Comfort for Canines



This year our Kindergarten classes at Wards Creek have begun a community service project to help our local animal shelters and we need your help!

How you can help:

Clean out your closet and throw in the towel! The shelters are in need of these items:

Blankets, towels, fleece throws, pet beds, and baby blankets.

Think soft, absorbent, and not too bulky... things you'd wash at home. Items that can cushion the bottoms of crates and kennels, and keep dogs' noses, paws and ears dry.

Items that are not so good to donate:

- *For the most part, shelters do not want bed sheets—they are not absorbent enough and do not stand up to repeated laundering. Anything too bulky is difficult for the shelter staffs to manage; this precludes comforters, bedspreads, heavy area rugs, queen or king-sized quilts and mattress covers.*
- *No pillows at all.*
- *No electric blankets, please, unless the cords are removed.*
- *No clothes, please!*

Feel free to start sending in these items now. You can either send it in with your child, leave it at the front desk, or walk it in to your child's classroom. Thank you so much for your help and support. Look for an update soon after our first drop off to the shelters!

Third Grade Service Project

****Clinic Supplies****

Help Nurse Kalem keep Warriors healthy and happy!

You may send in donated items with your child, or drop them off at the clinic. Please mention our 3rd grade service project. Our student leaders will use graphs to keep track of items donated, in order to adjust the supply list as needed. Thank you for supporting our WCE clinic and the 3rd grade service project!

Clinic Needs:

Food Stuff *(These items are listed in the priority/quantity of need . The top three items need replenishing regularly.)*

- **Small** water bottles (only **mini** water bottles, please)
- Goldfish
- Animal crackers
- Children's protein bars (suggestion: K bars made by Clif Bars)
- Gluten free children's bars (Kind bars, Lara and Luna bars have some gluten free)
- Small (4 oz.) apple juice boxes
- Small (4 oz.) variety juice boxes
- Nut free cookies (shelf stable only - suggestion: *Duo Cookies* that are individually packaged nut free cookies)
- Squeeze apple sauce
- Go Picnic brand gluten free shelf stable snack/lunch packs
- Gluten free beef and turkey jerky (must not need to be refrigerated)
- Snack pack pudding (not refrigerated)

Clinic Needs: Additional needs

- Clorox wipes
- GOOD sandwich size Ziploc bags. I cannot use dollar store bags, they leak.
- Alcohol prep pads
- Ace bandages
- Any EUC arm slings that people might have that they are no longer using

Platinum Business Partners




KEN BERRY, B.S.N., D.C.

- SHORT TERM CARE FOR PAIN
- WALK INS WELCOME
- NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY
- PAIN RELIEF IS OUR GOAL

904-940-0361

WWW.THEVILLAGECHIROPRACTOR.COM

Two missed days a month adds up to being a half a year behind by the time your child reaches 4th grade.

And once a child falls behind, they rarely catch up.

It is important that your child arrive at school between 8:00 am and 8:25 am. Please make sure your child arrives at school by **8:25 am** so that they can be in their classroom ready to learn by 8:30 am. If you child is absent please send a note or email within 48 hours of returning to school.

**Research shows that attendance is an important factor in student achievement.*



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HALF-CENT SALES TAX REFERENDUM

FACT SHEET

DID YOU KNOW?

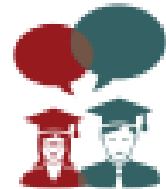
-  The St. Johns County School District has been the **TOP RATED** district in Florida for 6 consecutive years and **A-Rated** for 10 consecutive years.

-  Top-rated schools help attract businesses and jobs, improving the county's economy and increasing property values.

-  The District has implemented a comprehensive energy management reduction program that has avoided more than \$33 million in costs since 2008.

-  All new revenue generated by the half-cent sales tax will benefit classrooms directly and 25%-40% will be paid for by out-of-county visitors.

What the Referendum Means for Our Schools



New school construction to keep up with the growth of St. Johns County



Reconstruction to ensure that existing schools continue to be well-maintained to serve our students and teachers

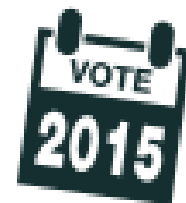


Technology upgrades to help prepare our students for jobs of the 21st century



Safety improvements which enhance existing measures to provide for the security of our students

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



ASAP

For unregistered voters, voter registration ends on Oct. 5, 2015

09/18/2015

Overseas absentee ballots will be mailed beginning Fri., Sept. 18

10/01/2015

Regular domestic absentee ballots will be mailed beginning Thurs., Oct. 1

10/24/2015

Early voting begins at 9 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 24 and runs daily through Sat., Oct. 31 until 6 p.m.

11/03/2015

Election Day - Last chance to vote



For more information go to: www.stjohns.k12.fl.us

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Helping Your Child Succeed on Florida Standard Assessments

Plan to attend an informational meeting
for families of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students

Thursday, October 1st, R.B. Hunt Elementary School
Tuesday, October 6th, Valley Ridge Academy
Thursday, October 15th, Osceola Elementary School
Tuesday, October 20th, Ocean Palms Elementary School
Thursday, October 29th, Timberlin Creek Elementary School
6:30 – 8:00 PM



What is FSA?

Did FCAT Go Away?

How can I help my child?

If you've asked any of these questions, please plan on attending an FSA informational presentation. Each evening will begin at 6:30 and conclude by 8:00, and will consist of a writing and ELA session followed by a mathematics portion. Time for questions will be built into the process. For more information call 904-547-7503.

This Year We

GO

BIG

WE ARE RECYCLING BIG
TO EARN BIG!

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“20th Annual Ancient City Kid Day”
 EPIC Behavioral Healthcare
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 St. Augustine, FL 32084
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St. Augustine, FL – Attention Parents! Looking for something fun to do with your kids that doesn't cost a lot of money? Then the 20th Annual Ancient City Kids Day is for you! Ancient City Kids Day will be held on **Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 11am-3pm** at Francis Field on Castillo Drive. This event, coordinated by local agencies, is a day of fun-filled activities for children and families. The event is free for the public, and will include over 40 youth service agencies offering carnival style games and activities, arts and crafts, contests for the kids and free entertainment all day. No child will leave empty-handed as t-shirts, prizes or goodies are given out all day. Educational information on resources in our community is available for parents. The only cost to the public will be for food or drinks. Ancient City Kids Day has grown to be one of St. Augustine's biggest youth activities, and is a popular event for the whole family. Last year's event brought approximately 2,300 people out for the fun. For more information, please feel free to contact EPIC Behavioral Healthcare at 829-2273.

**FREE EVENT!
 FREE CEU'S OFFERED!**

REGISTER NOW!

**Friday, October 23rd, 2015
 8:30AM - 4:30PM**

St. Johns County Auditorium
 500 San Sebastian View,
 St. Augustine, FL



Keynote Speaker
Pam Petersen-Baston
 (FREE CEU SESSION)

Pam has 35 years of experience working in the substance use disorder (SUD) and the co-occurring mental health disorder field. She is a national trainer and consultant on topics to include evidence-based prevention and treatment services for adolescents, transitional age youth and families; domestic violence, pregnancy prevention, child welfare; cross agency collaboration; and more.